മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ *(Ezhuvas South)*.— പറമ്പു താഴ്ത്തണ്ടതു് ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റേയും ജനങ്ങളുടേയും ഒന്നുപോലെയുള്ള ആവശ്യമാണു്. അതിനുള്ള പർമിഷൻ കൊടുക്കുമോ എന്നാണു ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്?

Deputy President.—Anyhow this is going to be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—I move that a small Select Committee consisting of the Diwan Peishkar, Dr. A. R. Menon, Messrs. A. Sivarama Menon, K. Ayyappan and K. M. Ibrahim may be asked to consider the Bill and report expeditiously.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I second it.

Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Ezhuvas North)*.—I oppose.

Motion that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee was put and carried.

Deputy President.—I nominate the Diwan Peishkar as the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee will report within six weeks.

The Cochin Suits Valuation Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—I beg to introduce the Cochin Suits Valuation Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council:—The title of the Bill is

"The Cochin Suits Valuation Act Amendment Bill".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—The Lawyer members of this House will certainly expect that this Bill will be scrutinised by a Select Committee. I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Deputy President, Messrs. M. Sivarama Menon, P. Govinda Menon, P. I. George, T. K. Nayar and the mover.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

Deputy President.—The Deputy President will be the Chairman of the Committee and the Committee is to report within two months.

The Cochin Fisheries Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee report on the Cochin Fisheries Act Amendment Bill and move that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—I oppose it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Mr. President, Sir, the Bill, to put it very shortly, is an attempt to tax or license fishing of a particular kind, fishing carried on in wet lands in the coastal areas of this taluq mostly, because this kind of fishing, so far as I know, does not prevail in the Northern taluks, but prevails only to a very small extent in the Mukundapuram taluk. This fishing is almost exclusively carried on in the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk. It has reference to the fishing of a particular kind known as prawn fishing.

If the Hon'ble Members want some idea of it that can also be easily given. It will be of some help to the members who come from the northern taluks. The wet lands of this taluk are peculiar. In the northern taluks the wet lands are nilams, on which two crops are raised. One harvest in Kanni and the other in Makaram. In the areas here, the presence of backwater makes it all different. The lands can be successfully cultivated for one crop only and it is sown in Mithunam and harvested in Dhanu-Makaram. As soon as the first crop is taken, the land becomes available for another kind of cultivation., i. e., to say they capture prawn in these lands and it is carried on in an extensive scale in this taluq. The process being that a few owners join together and bund up the whole area and in the bund facing the backwater a small slit will be opened. During high tide, water gets into the wet lands and at low tide, water goes out. Nets are then placed in the opening and the fish is caught. It is a very profitable business and the coffers of the owners are well-filled after these operation. It is an extra-ordinary kind of use of nilams, very profitable to the

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